

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **APRIL 17, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Voting Members

Bend City, Public Works Director—Chair
Bend City, Citizen Member—Vice Chair
Bend City, Community Development
Bend City, Fire Department
Bend City, Police Department
Bend/LaPine School District
Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
Collin Stephens (Absent)
David Howe
Cory Darling
Denice Blake (Absent)
George Kolb (Absent)
Dan Serpico
Harold Anderson
Erik Huffman (Absent)
Michael Toney
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Colleen Miller
Rick Root

City of Bend
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Guests

Matt Kittelson
Jim Gattey
Kent Garliepp
Sami Fornier

Kittelson & Associates
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, OFDNA
Citizen, RWNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for a vote on the minutes for March 20, 2012 a spelling correction was suggested and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected.
- 3) **Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Agenda Item added was Green Bike Lanes
- 4) **Public Comments: None Given**
- 5) **Nick Arnis** introduced Rick Root who has been working with the Galveston Avenue taskforce. Rick explained that Galveston is ranked in the top three on the Arterial and collector safety project list primarily because it lacks sidewalk. In 2010 that inspired a group of business and property owners and neighbors to form a grass roots group that contacted the City for support in making changes. The driving principals have been Economic Vitality, Safety, and Stormwater management. Some key features are a median for pedestrian safety in key areas, a buffered bike lane, and some back in diagonal parking. As parking in the area is in high demand the group has added parking where ever possible and by making it more pedestrian and bike friendly the hope is that more people will use alternate forms of travel.

The next step is to conduct preliminary design. Very rough planning estimates put the project between \$3-6 million.

6) Citizen Service Request Update

Mr. Arnis explained the status of the CSR program. There are around 80-100 CSRs still open and there is a lack of staff resources to address the CSRs. Kent Garliepp asked if there was anything the TSAC members could do to help, Rex Wolf proposed getting the taskforce back together. Nick Arnis also noted that this is just the thing that the crash study will help us with. This study will take a more in-depth look at the CSR's and possibly bring the TSAC Taskforce back together to help. Rex Wolf and Harold Anderson will help with that effort.

As a follow-up to the question from last month's meeting about weather or not our bike lanes have been certified safe with a public hearing Rick Root explained the state process, Sami Fornier, who has worked extensively with the laws of safe biking states that the League of American Bikes has designated Bend as a Safe City to Ride. She went on to say that having bike lanes certified safe is just one of a long list of criteria to determine a safe bike lane.

7) Police Enforcement Update and Information Items

Capt. Darling will have more for us as soon as the Crash Survey comes back.

8) Information Items

Nick Arnis reported that we are on track for 90% design on GO Bond roundabout projects for this summer.

The Westridge connection and the Cascade Middle School will be discussed on May 5th at an open house, a group from the City, the CMS Taskforce and the School District are all working together to help solve the problems of the traffic flow in that area.

The Transportation presentation to City Council has been postponed.

Dan Serpico noted that green bike lanes have been used in Portland and have been approved for Hwy 20 at Butler Market and 8th Street, there will be green skips on the pavement to help prevent the right turn hooks that happen there, it might also be a solution for Mt Washington and 3rd Street. A public awareness campaign would have to be created to help people understand what the markings mean.

Items for next month agenda:

CSR Update
Green Bike lanes

Information items:

Westridge
Riverside Bike/Ped Project
G O BOND update on-going
Police Information Update

Adjourn 9:40 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 8:15 AM, City Hall Council Chambers.